



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information

Collection: Advisory Committee and Research and Promotion Background Information.

AGENCY: Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) intention to request an extension and a revision to the currently approved Advisory Committee and Research and Promotion Background Information AD-755 Supplemental List - Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Commodity Specific Questionnaire. The revised form allows applicants to answer whether the individual is a veteran, has a disability/impairment; further defines current membership terms with the term start and end dates when serving on a USDA federal advisory committee, council, or board; rearranged the preferred name on official correspondence to legal name section; requires an applicant to print name; provides an update to the most recent USDA equal employment opportunity statement; and adds a reset button to the form. The primary objective is to determine the qualifications, suitability and availability of a candidate to serve on advisory committees and/or research and promotion boards.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: USDA invites interested persons to submit comments on this notice.

Comments may be submitted through one of the following methods:

- ☐ Federal eRulemaking Portal: This Web site provides the ability to type short

comments directly into the comment field on this Web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions at that site for submitting comments.

☐ Mail, including CD-ROMs, etc.: White House Liaison Office, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., the Whitten Building, Room 536-A, Washington, DC 20250–3700.

☐ Hand- or courier-delivered submittals: Deliver to White House Liaison Office, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., the Whitten Building, Room 536-A, Washington, DC 20250–3700.

Instructions: All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number. Comments received in response to this notice will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information, to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Cikena Reid, Committee Management Officer, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., S.W., the Whitten Building, Room 536-A, Washington, D.C. 20250; office phone: 202-720-2406; email: cikena.reid@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), this notice announces the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) intention to request an extension for— and a revision to the Advisory Committee and Research and Promotion Background Information collection form. The primary objective is to determine the qualifications, suitability and availability of a candidate to serve on advisory committees and/or research and promotion boards.

Title: Advisory Committee and Research and Promotion Background Information

OMB Number: 0505-0001

Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 2022

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection form document.

Abstract: The primary objective is to determine the qualifications, suitability and availability of a candidate to serve on advisory committees and/or research and promotion boards. The information will be used to both conduct background clearances on the candidates and to compile annual reports regarding membership.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response.

Respondents: Individuals

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5500

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: One (1)

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 5500

Comments are invited on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to Ms. Cikena Reid, Committee Management Officer, the White House Liaison Office, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., the Whitten Building, Room 536-A, Washington, DC 20250; fax: 202-720-9286; or by email: cikena.reid@usda.gov. Comments must be postmarked 10 business days prior to the deadline to ensure timely

receipt.

All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 21, 2022.

Cikena Reid,

Committee Management Officer.

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